

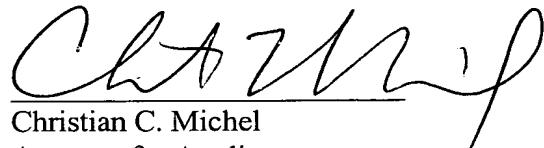
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-9 will be pending.

The Examiner has identified four allegedly patentably distinct species. Applicants hereby elect species 1, directed to claims 1-9. Claims 10-36 are hereby withdrawn.

Applicants request timely substantive examination of claim 1-9. In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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